

## Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

### Board Meeting Minutes January 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting was delayed due to connection issues with Zoom. Also present were Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Jan McKenzie, Jay Matlock, Jerry Viernow, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Linda Polich, Marilyn Mix, Sally Bartosh, and Shay and Kathy Elliott.

President Ann Noyce thanked the 2021 Board members for putting their trust in her. She thanked them for their participation and professionalism.

The secretary's minutes from the December 10, 2020 Board meeting were e-mailed to the members. Motion by Linda Polich to approve the minutes. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$3,768.52 as of December 31, 2020. Interest on all accounts was \$28.95 and total cash assets were \$38,514.88. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Judi reviewed the annual expense report for 2020, including the comparison of income and expenses to the 2020 budget. She also presented the 2021 budget. Recommended changes to the proposed budget were for Library Sales, Binding/Supplies, Bulk Mailing and Membership Postage. Judi will provide an updated budget for the next meeting. The Board decided to send an Annual Report Summary to the membership with the January meeting minutes.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel received an email from Sandy Luse, Scott County Iowa Genealogical Society (SCIGS), inviting our membership to attend their society Zoom seminar, at no cost, on February 1<sup>st</sup> with Thomas MacEntee, "Brick Wall Breakthroughs". Members that register for the seminar will receive an email from Thomas with a link to the seminar. The Board discussed reciprocating with SCIGS by inviting their membership to attend our March seminar. Motion made by Kathy Elliott to invite the RICIGS membership to attend the SCIGS seminar, and invite SCIGS membership to our March seminar. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Nothing new to report.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported the website is up to date. In December there were 330 users of the RICIGS website. Of those, 300 were new users. Top three areas of interest included obituaries, newspaper abstracts and genealogy sources for Rock Island County. Julie will email annual web reports for 2019 and 2020 showing an increase of web usage over the past two years.

Conference – No report. There will not be a conference in 2021 due to the pandemic.

Education – Linda Polich reported the first Lunch and Learn for 2021, "New Year New Start", was held via Zoom on January 8<sup>th</sup>, with 22 in attendance. There was a good discussion. The next Lunch and Learn is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>. The topic will be "Dating Old Photographs".

FGS – No report.

Fundraising – No report.

Funeral Cards – No Report.

Goals - Linda Polich reviewed the goals of the society. She stated that a few years ago, eight goals for RICIGS were created. Despite the 2020 pandemic year, we have moved forward on Goal #1 by continuing to add more publications and resources to our website; and Goal #2 by continuing to schedule Lunch and Learn programs. With the usage of Zoom for our General Meetings, we have maintained a good participation each month (Goal #4), including out-of-town members. Goals will be added to the Board agenda each month for updates. It was agreed that separate meetings would be scheduled to discuss and review our goals in-depth and continue moving towards our vision.

*Our Vision: Make the Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society the premier genealogical organization in the Illinois Quad-Cities ... to meet the needs of all genealogists having a connection with Rock Island County, Illinois.*

Goal #1: Continue to expand our website

- Goal #2: Expand education offerings to include more topic-specific events
- Goal #3: Increase usage of our library collection at RICHS
- Goal #4: Increase attendance at our monthly meetings/programs to 40-50 people
- Goal #5: Develop community outreach programs, including some fun and productive events
- Goal #6: Define categories of existing and potential members and determine skillsets available
- Goal #7: Review status of other projects, and determine if we can update our methods
- Goal #8: Plan field trips to Salt Lake City, Utah, Ft. Wayne, Indiana ... and local research locations

Historian – A chairperson is still needed for this committee. Linda Polich described the history of the Historian position, and the historical records that are currently maintained in binders at the Rock Island County Historical Society (RICHS). Deb VanSant reported some of the records have been digitized. Linda said she will look at the binders and let the Board know how much still needs to be digitized. The Board discussed placing the digital records on Dropbox. It was also decided that all board members would be part of the Historian Committee.

Librarian – Nothing to report. RICHS is closed.

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported Volume 29 of newspaper abstracts from The Rock Island Daily Argus and The Rock Island Daily Union, 1872 has been added to the members only section of the RICIGS website. Cemetery records are currently being uploaded to the website in alphabetical order. Julie and Betty asked the Board to review the resources page and let them know if any corrections are needed.

Mailing – No report.

Queries – Julie reported there are no new queries and that she is continuing to work with a previous request.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we have 108 renewals and one new member for 2021, plus our life members. There are 44 that have not yet renewed. She also reviewed the membership over the past 10 years. Ann said she has picked up more renewals at the post office and will pass them along to Marilyn.

Vice President – Jay Matlock asked for input from the Board about possibly sharing membership programs with SCIGS. He also reported General Meetings in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021 will all be via Zoom. The January program will be presented by Jacquie Schattner on publishing your genealogy. The February program will be about researching in Pennsylvania and in March the program will be presented by Thomas MacEntee. The format for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2021 will be determined by the status of Covid-19.

#### **Old Business:**

Ann read a letter from the William Butterworth Foundation acknowledging the donation we gave them to help offset the cost of technology upgrades. She also reported the types of improvements we will see when we resume in-person meetings. The improvements are expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2021.

Ann welcomed our new Member at Large 2022, Jerry Viernow.

#### **New Business:**

Jay Matlock reported he has not yet arranged presentations for the second half of the year. He discussed at length the presentation options with Genealogy Gems. Julie also suggested Norm Moline and Jill Seaholm as potential presenters.

#### **Announcements:**

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 6:30 pm via Zoom, with the program presented by Jacquie Schattner on publishing your genealogy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronna Stickrod, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting Minutes January 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. There were 32 members in attendance.

Vice President Jay Matlock introduced the speaker, Jacquie Krieps Schattner, who presented the program; "Publishing Your Genealogy Using Windows".

President Ann Noyce introduced herself to the membership.

The secretary's minutes from the October 27, 2020, general meeting were e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Linda Polich to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Jay Matlock. Motion carried.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported income of \$1,056.00 and expenses of \$816.21 in December. The checkbook balance as of December 31, 2020 was \$3,768.52. Interest on all accounts was \$28.95 and the total cash assets at the end of December was \$38,514.88. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reported that Sandy Luse of Scott County Iowa Genealogical Society (SCIGS) invited our membership to attend their society Zoom seminar, at no cost, on February 1<sup>st</sup> with Thomas MacEntee, "Brick Wall Breakthroughs". She will send an invitation to the membership. When a member registers for the seminar, they will receive an email directly from Thomas MacEntee. The Board authorized an SCIGS membership invitation to our next seminar with Thomas MacEntee in March.

**Committee Reports:**

**Cemeteries** – No report.

**Computer Interest** – Julie reported the website is up to date. In December there were 330 users of the RICIGS website. Areas of interest included obituaries, newspaper abstracts and genealogy sources in Rock Island County.

**Conference** – Judi McDowell reported there is not a conference in 2021 and she has not received information regarding the conference in 2022.

**Education** – Linda Polich reported the first Lunch & Learn for 2021, "New Year New Start" was held via Zoom on January 8<sup>th</sup> with 22 in attendance. There was good discussion among those attending. The next one is February 5<sup>th</sup>, "Dating Old Photographs". Julie will send out the invitation with the Zoom link.

**Fundraising** – Linda Polich reported that, as of now, there will be a John Deere Classic this year. The Birdies for Charity forms will be mailed to the membership in April.

**FGS** – No report.

**Funeral Cards** – No report.

**Goals** – Linda reported the Board will be revisiting the society goals in 2021.

**Historian** – Ann reported that at the January Board meeting, it was decided that all Board members would be part of the Historian Committee and that we will explore digitizing the historical records. Julie asked that anyone interested in participating with this committee contact the Board via our email.

**Librarian** – Deb VanSant reported that the Rock Island County Historical Society (RICHS) will be reopening on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Publications** – Betty Hagberg reported that Volume 29, the 1872 Rock Island Daily Argus and Rock Island Daily Union newspaper abstracts, was added to the members only section of the website. She also reported that cemetery records are in the process of being uploaded to the website.

**Mailing** – No report.

**Queries and Research** – No report.

**Registrar** – Marilyn Mix reported 121 members have renewed their membership. There are still 43 that have not yet renewed. Ann reported she has two renewals and will check the PO Box again for any others.

**Vice President** – Jay Matlock shared the programs through July. He hopes the June and July general membership meetings can be held in person.

February: “Researching Pennsylvania Ancestors”, presented by Jenny Warner

March: “Tools for Translating and Transcribing Genealogy Records”, presented by Thomas MacEntee

April: “Just Google It”, presented by Julie Vogel

May: “Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interests of Non-Genealogists in Your Family”, presented by Lisa Louise Cooke from Genealogy Gems

June: “Reasonably Exhaustive Research: When is Enough, Enough?”, presented by Alice Hoyt Veen

July: “Cemetery Preservation”, presented by John Heider

Ann shared with the membership that the Butterworth Education Center is in the process of upgrading their technology. This will allow us to do our presentations in person, as well as using Zoom.

Julie said she will email the satisfaction survey for today’s presentation to the attendees.

**Old Business:**

Ann welcomed Jerry Viernow, Member At Large 2022. Jerry introduced himself.

**New Business:** - None.

**Member Comments:** Laura Reich shared her Ancestry DNA discoveries.

**Announcements:**

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, February 11, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Jenny Warner will present a program on “Researching Pennsylvania Ancestors”.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronna Stickrod, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes February 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:35 p.m. via Zoom. Also present were Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Jay Matlock, Jerry Viernow, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Linda Polich, Marilyn Mix, Sally Bartosh, and Shay and Kathy Elliott. Jan McKenzie was not present.

**President's Comments:** Nothing to report.

**Secretary's Minutes:** The secretary's meeting minutes from January 14, 2021, were e-mailed to the Board. Motion by Kathy Elliott to approve the minutes. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi McDowell reported the checkbook balance is \$3,634.82 as of January 31, 2021. Interest on all accounts was \$29.94 and total cash assets were \$38,411.12. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Judi filed the annual 990N with the IRS. Jerry Viernow volunteered to perform the annual audit for the year 2020.

Judi reviewed the revised 2021 budget proposal. A motion was made by Betty Hagberg to adopt the 2021 budget as presented. Seconded by Shay Elliott. Motion carried.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Nothing to report.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Cemeteries** – Nothing to report.

**Computer Interest** – Julie Vogel reported the website is up to date. In January there were 528 users of the RICIGS website. Top areas of interest included the Blog, Cemetery Records, Education Corner and Genealogy Sources for R.I. County. She explained there have been some issues with the website that she is working to resolve.

**Conference** – Judi McDowell reported she received a question from a member about having the conference in Iowa since the state is allowing groups to meet. The Board decided it would not be an option for this year.

**Education** – Linda Polich reported the February 5th Lunch and Learn, "Dating Old Photographs", was held via Zoom with 31 in attendance. There was a good discussion among those attending. The next Lunch and Learn is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>. Betty Hagberg will lead a discussion about how we are using DNA with our genealogy research. Betty stated she would like to hear success stories from people.

RootsTech will hold a free online conference on February 25-27. This is usually an in-person conference in Salt Lake City. This year they will go virtual and are offering free registration. You can still register at the <rootstech.org> website.

FGS/NGS – Since the merger of FGS with the National Genealogical Society, this will now be called NGS. Deb VanSant reported we have a login, but she has not heard back from NGS why we are currently showing an inactive status. Judi will provide Deb with a copy of the check for proof of payment of dues. Deb reported the annual NGS conference will be held virtual May 17-21, 2021. There is a cost to attend.

**Fundraising** – Nothing to report.

**Funeral Cards** – Nothing to report.

**Goals** – Nothing to report.

**Historian** – Ann reported that member Laura Reich offered to help with digitizing. Linda explained what historical documents she has and what is at RICHS. After discussion, Ann recommended that Linda, Deb and Ronna meet with her at RICHS to determine the volume of records we have so we can decide how to proceed with preservation.

**Librarian** – Nothing to report.

**Publications** – Betty Hagberg reported Volume 30 of newspaper abstracts from the 1901 Moline Evening Mail and additional cemetery records have been added to the members only section of the RICIGS website. She asked the Board to let her know of additional sources we can put on the web.

**Mailing** – Nothing to report.

**Queries & Research** – Julie reported she continued to help with the Walsh family. She also had a few requests from Norm Prince that she fulfilled.

**Registrar** – Marilyn Mix reported we have one renewal and one new life member. There are 30 that still need to renew. Julie will email reminders for those that have not renewed. Marilyn will wait a few weeks before sending card reminders.

**Vice President** – Jay Matlock reported that all the programs are scheduled up to July and posted on the website. Ann shared that Illinois is allowing up to 50 people in group settings. Butterworth can accommodate up to 30 panel style (chairs only) in the Education Center and either up to 26 classroom style or up to 33 panel style in the Deere-Wiman Carriage House. After a lengthy discussion regarding the challenges of hybrid presentations (Zoom and in person), April was chosen to be the first one we try as a hybrid meeting.

### **Old Business**

Ann and Jay will meet with Chris lossi of SCIGS to begin building a partnership with their group and report back to the Board.

### **New Business:**

ISGS wants to highlight RICIGS in March/April issue of newsletter (due Feb 13) - The Board shared ideas with the unique aspects of our society. Julie will complete the questionnaire and submit to ISGS.

Obituary files – Betty Hagberg asked the board for input regarding the format of uploading obituary files. She shared that there are many years of obituaries missing on the website. Deb stated the years 1965-1969 are indexed but need to be proofed for printing. 2018 is done but not ready to print. 2019 has not been done yet. She also stated the 2000-2004 spreadsheets are done, but there was a question as to who owns it. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined the society has permission from author Dwight Mohlenbruck to publish. Deb and Betty will finish what needs to be done to get the 1965-1969 edition published.

Providing memberships/members-only logins to libraries (eg. The Urbana Free Library) – Julie explained that many library memberships that received the paper quarterlies have stopped their membership. The Board discussed creating an “Institutional” membership and how that would be managed for online access for library patrons. Julie will research and provide information about securing our website material at the next meeting.

Offering FB page as forum for requesting help identifying old photos (idea from L&L) – After comparing the Blog to our FB page, the Board determined that managing the FB page is too time consuming at this time. Ann will bring the topic up at the next general meeting to see if any members are interested in managing the FB page.

Jay asked if anyone had suggestions for a request from Sandra Derenbecker, who asked if there was a train expedition from RI County to TX in the mid-1890s. Shay suggested the person Google the topic or submit a research request. Jay will contact Sandra.

### **Announcements:**

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 6:30 pm via Zoom, with the program presented by Jenny Warner on “Researching Pennsylvania Ancestors”.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronna Stickrod

Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting Minutes February 23, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:32 p.m. via Zoom. There were 31 members in attendance.

Vice President Jay Matlock introduced the speaker, Jenny Warner, who presented the program; "Researching Pennsylvania Ancestors".

**President's Comments:** Nothing to report.

**Recording Secretary:** The secretary's minutes from the January 26, 2021, general meeting were e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Jay Matlock to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi McDowell reported income of \$260.00 and expenses of \$393.70. The checkbook balance is \$3,634.82 as of January 31, 2021. Interest on all accounts was \$29.94 and total cash assets were \$38,411.12. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Cemeteries** – Nothing to report.

**Computer Interest** – Julie Vogel reported the website is up to date.

**Conference** – Nothing to report.

**Education** – Linda Polich reported the February 5th Lunch and Learn, "Dating Old Photographs", was held via Zoom with 31 in attendance. There was a good discussion among those attending. The next Lunch and Learn is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Betty Hagberg will lead a discussion about how we are using DNA with our genealogy research. Betty would like to hear success stories from attendees.

**Fundraising** – Linda Polich reported we will be participating with the John Deere Classic - Birdies for Charity. Information will be provided to the members at a future date.

**Funeral Cards** – Nothing to report.

**Goals** – Linda reported the Board will be revisiting the society goals in 2021. The website and education goals are on track.

**Historian** – Ann thanked Laura Reich for offering to help with digitizing the historical records. Ann will meet at RICHS with Linda, Deb and Ronna to review the records and decide how best to proceed with the digitizing project.

**Librarian** – Nothing to report.

**NGS** – Deb VanSant mentioned the annual NGS conference is in May. You can find further information at the [ngsgenealogy.org](http://ngsgenealogy.org) website.

**Publications** – Betty Hagberg reported Volume 30 of newspaper abstracts from the 1901 Moline Evening Mail and additional cemetery records have been added to the members only section of the RICIGS website.

**Mailing** – Nothing to report.

**Queries and Research** – Julie reported she has finished the past research items and no new queries have been received.

**Registrar** – Nothing to report.

**Vice President** – Jay Matlock stated the programs are up to date through July on the website. In April, Julie Vogel will present at our first hybrid meeting (in person and Zoom concurrently) at the Butterworth Education Center. Julie said she will email the satisfaction survey for today's presentation to the attendees.

Jay and Ann met with Chris Iossi from SCIGS to discuss a partnership with their society. They will be inviting our membership to their March 1<sup>st</sup> presentation and we will be inviting their membership to our March presentation with Thomas MacEntee.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** -

Ann stated there may be opportunities to do more to engage with the community through social media, but it requires a lot of time to be successful. She asked if anyone in the membership is interested with helping improve our social media presence by creating posts and engaging with the comments. Anyone interested can email the society. Julie would assist with training, if needed.

**Announcements:**

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, March 11, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Thomas MacEntee will present the program "Tools for Translating and Transcribing Genealogy Records." Julie informed members that they will sign up through Thomas and he will send you a link to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronna Stickrod, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes March 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Also present were Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Jay Matlock, Jerry Viernow, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Linda Polich, and Shay and Kathy Elliott. Jan McKenzie, Marilyn Mix and Sally Bartosh, were not present.

**President's Comments:** None.

**Secretary's Minutes:** The secretary's minutes from the February 11, 2021, meeting were previously e-mailed to the Board. Motion by Jay Matlock to approve the minutes. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi McDowell reported income of \$16.74 from Amazon Smiles. The checkbook balance is \$4,152.10 as of February 28, 2021. Interest on all accounts was \$29.92 and total cash assets were \$38,939.06. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Jerry Viernow audited the Treasurer's records and found them to be accurate and concise. He will provide a report to the Board.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Julie Vogel monitored incoming emails and forwarded as needed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Cemeteries** – Nothing to report.

**Computer Interest** – Julie reported the website is up to date. In February there were 362 users of the RICIGS website. Top areas of interest included the obituaries, members only area and cemeteries.

**Conference** – Nothing to report.

**Education** – Linda reported our March 5th Lunch and Learn was held via Zoom with 26 in attendance. Good discussion led by Betty Hagberg "Using DNA in our Genealogy Research". Next Lunch and Learn is scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> via Zoom on the topic of "Land Records and Deeds".

-RootsTech hosted a virtual, free online conference starting last month. This is usually an in-person conference in Salt Lake City. Over 500,000 people registered from 225 countries. There are 1,500 sessions to view, and they will be available for the rest of this year.

-The German American Heritage Center is hosting a Zoom event called "German Immigration to America: When, Where, Why, and How" on Saturday, March 13th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. The event is free however you must pre-register at their website <https://gahc.org/event/german-immigration-to-america-when-where-why-and-how/>.

-MyHeritage has a new feature called Deep Nostalgia that animates uploaded photos of your ancestors. This website lets you sample a few photos without subscribing.

**Fundraising** – Linda reported the John Deere Classic golf tournament is scheduled for July 5-11, 2021. At the November board meeting, she shared the following information:

- Pledge forms will not be distributed; organizations must print their own forms
- Penny pledges will no longer be accepted; donors will only be given the option to make a flat donation
- No free John Deere Classic tickets for the 2021 tournament
- Deadline for sending in 501(c)3 forms is 22 May 2021
- Deadline for pledges is 21 June 2021

With these changes, we will need to modify the wording in our letter to members and print our own pledge forms. Linda will prepare a draft of the cover letter for the April board meeting. She requested a set of mailing labels from Shay and Kathy.

**Funeral Cards** – Nothing to report.

**Goals** – Linda reported she viewed a video session through RootsTech called "Bring Your Genealogy Society into the 21st Century". In the handout, there were three areas that societies need to upgrade: 1) Communication (Gmail, Website, Facebook Group), Administration ("If your society is still passing on thick binders with meeting notes, bylaws, check registers, and member forms, you need to simplify your life with tools like Google Suite and Survey Monkey"), and Membership Deliverables (Blog, Members-Only Area on Website, Virtual Meetings). She suggested Ann Noyce, Jay Matlock and Betty Hagberg meet with her and review this information in more detail, possibly incorporating some of the recommendations into our Society Goals. The team will report back to the board with suggestions.

**Historian** – Ann, Linda and Ronna will meet at RICHS on March 18, 2021, to review the historical records.

**Librarian** – Deb VanSant read an email from Janet Pease.

**NGS** – Deb reported that the login issue with NGS has been resolved and the society membership is current. The membership renewal is \$85 due October 20, 2021. Information from NGS will go to [info@ricigs.org](mailto:info@ricigs.org).

**Publications** – Betty Hagberg reported Volume 31 of newspaper abstracts from the Rock Island Daily Argus and Rock Island Daily Union in 1873, and additional cemetery records have been added to the members only section of the RICIGS website. Julie researched ways to secure PDF documents published on the website.

**Mailing** – Kathy and Shay will print out labels for the Birdies for Charity fundraiser. Linda will stuff and mail the envelopes near the end of April.

**Queries & Research** – Nothing to report.

**Registrar** – Julie reported there are currently 147 members. She sent an email mid-February to the members who have not renewed. Members who still have not renewed will be inactivated. Julie will email the list of members who have not paid to Marilyn Mix to mail cards.

**Vice President** – Jay Matlock indicated the programs are set through July and are posted online. He would like to schedule the remaining programs for the year once we know the format for presentations.

### **Old Business**

**SCIGS Partnership:** Ann reviewed the minutes from the meeting with Chris Iossi. The Board discussed at length what the partnership might look like and how it would benefit our society. It was decided to start with a few items, including inviting members to each society's monthly presentations. The partnership will be evaluated at the end of the year.

**Institutional memberships:** After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Linda Polich recommending we do not create an institutional membership. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

**Management of Facebook and Blog:** Ann Noyce discussed adding posts on the existing Facebook account at least once a month. She asked each committee member to send her items of interest for their respective committee to share on Facebook. She will develop a schedule and bring back to the Board.

### **New Business:**

**Dropbox Responsibilities:** Julie reviewed the Dropbox website with the Board. This secure website houses the archival and working documents for RICIGS. Julie will email a link to all board members so they can manage their respective area on the site.

**Zoom:** Julie and Ann met onsite at Butterworth to evaluate how the hybrid meetings will take place. When we begin the hybrid meetings at Butterworth, Julie will set up the Zoom meetings and Ann will be the designated onsite person.

**General Meeting format:** The President asked that committee chairs let her know in advance of the meeting if they have information to share. Committees that have nothing new to report will be omitted from the agenda.

**Meetings-Zoom or Hybrid:** It was decided that the Board meetings will continue to be on Zoom for now. The general meetings will be hybrid beginning with the April meeting, except for May which will be zoom only. The Lunch & Learn will continue to be on Zoom, but the education team will discuss the future format and report back to the Board. It was discussed that we may want to plan on having hybrid meetings for everything to achieve optimum attendance.

**Business Insurance:** Ann reported she received the renewal for business insurance. The Board decided it was in the best interest of the society to continue paying the insurance.

### **Announcements:**

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 6:30 pm via Zoom, with the program presented by Thomas MacEntee on "Tools for Translating and Transcribing Genealogy Records."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronna Stickrod  
Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes April 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:37 p.m. via Zoom. Also present were Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Linda Polich, Jan McKenzie, Sally Bartosh and Ronna Stickrod. Marilyn Mix, Jerry Viernow, Shay and Kathy Elliott were not present.

**President's Comments:** None.

**Secretary's Minutes:** The secretary's minutes from the March 11, 2021, meeting were previously e-mailed to the Board. Motion by Linda Polich to approve the minutes. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi reported income \$202.00. The checkbook balance is \$4,098.88 as of March 31, 2021. Interest on all accounts was \$27.19 and total cash assets were \$38,913.03. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Julie monitored incoming emails and forwarded as needed. She stated we have seven new members since the end of February.

**Committee Reports:**

**Cemeteries** – Judi McDowell reported she visited St. Mary's Cemetery and took 85 pictures. She uploaded them to *Billion Graves* and *Find A Grave*. She plans to visit more in the summer. She informed everyone that "Family Search" and "Find My Past" link to *Billion Graves*.

**Computer Interest** – Julie reported the website is up to date. In March there were 451 users of the RICIGS website. Top areas of interest included the handouts, cemeteries, membership and genealogy sources. She also advised the Board that she recommends upgrading the website backup. This would provide better monitoring, backup and support. Motion by Betty Hagberg to increase the backup service to Jetpack Daily. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried.

**Conference** – Nothing to report.

**Education** – Linda reported our April Lunch and Learn is being held April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. (one week later than usual due to Easter weekend). The topic will be "Land Records and Deeds".

**Fundraising** – Linda stated the official virtual kickoff for the John Deere Classic is April 12<sup>th</sup>. She will modify the wording in the cover letter sent to the members explaining the changes. The letter and pledge form will be mailed the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>. No more penny pledges (flat donations or online donations only). The deadline for donations will be June 21<sup>st</sup> and donation checks will be sent to the RICIGS PO Box. Our expenses will increase since we need to print the pledge forms to send with the cover letter. Shay and Kathy Elliot printed the address labels for the mailing.

**Funeral Cards** – Nothing to report.

**Goals** – Nothing to report.

**Historian** – Ann, Linda and Ronna met at RICHS on March 18, 2021, to review the historical records. Ronna will review a sample of what has been digitized and provide a strategy to share the information with the members online. Julie reviewed the folder structure and how users are set up in Dropbox. The society has 2 TB of storage space on Dropbox.

**Librarian** – Received a donation of Ohio Quarterlies from Karen Johnson.

**NGS** – Deb signed up for the Delegate Council Workshop at the virtual conference in May.

**Publications** – Betty reported Volume 32 of newspaper abstracts from the Port Byron Globe, 1888- Oct. 1890, and additional cemetery records have been added to the members only section of the RICIGS website. Betty requested we develop an authorization form for signature of members who give us permission to publish documents for the benefit of the society. Motion by Judi McDowell to have Betty develop the form. Seconded by Deb VanSant. Motion carried.

**Mailing** – Nothing to report.

**Queries & Research** – Julie reported she completed a research request, and we will collect 2 hours of research time. Judi obtained the name of the Sexton at the Chapel Grove Cemetery.

**Registrar** – Julie reported there are currently 150 members.

**Vice President** – Jay Matlock indicated he is waiting to see how well the "hybrid" meeting goes for the General Meeting in April before scheduling the remaining presentations for this year.

## **Old Business**

SCIGS Partnership: We will focus on sharing general meeting presentations at this time. There are 10 meetings for each of us, except for our annual meeting.

Management of Facebook and Blog: Ann connected with each committee chairperson. Betty suggested we develop guidelines regarding the Facebook page and blog. A subcommittee of Betty, Deb, Judi, Julie, Ann and Jay will discuss this and report back to the Board.

General Meeting Reminder: Ann reminded committee chairpersons let her know if you have topics to share prior to the General Membership Meetings. Committees that do not have business to report will not be included in the agenda. If a last-minute item needs to be shared, it can be brought up in old or new business.

## **New Business:**

Letter from RICHS and response: Ann read a letter received from RICHS regarding their limitations of hours and patrons allowed in the library during the current pandemic phase. She then read a “draft” response letter, and the Board concurred with her response. Julie will print the response on letterhead and forward to the RICHS Board of Directors.

ByLaws additions: It was recommended the President’s role in the ByLaws Article 5, Section 5 (custodian of Dropbox and signee at financial institutions holding society funds and documents) be updated. The Recording Secretary will provide a draft of the changes to be distributed to the membership for the first reading at the April General Meeting.

## **Announcements:**

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 6:30 pm via hybrid meeting; Butterworth Education Center and Zoom, with the program “Just Google It” presented by Julie Vogel. Sally and Jan will participate in this meeting via Zoom so we can obtain feedback from this type of meeting at our next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronna Stickrod

Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting Minutes April 27, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:35 p.m. in person at Butterworth Center and via Zoom. There were 25 members in attendance.

**President's Comments:** Ann welcomed everyone to our first meeting held both in person and via Zoom. We refer to the meeting format as "hybrid". She asked that everyone let the Board know what they think about the format so they can evaluate the approach for the general meetings for the rest of the year.

Vice President Jay Matlock introduced the speaker, Julie Vogel, who presented the program; "Just Google It". Julie will email the handouts and the PowerPoint to the members.

**Recording Secretary:** The secretary's minutes from the February 23, 2021, general meeting had been previously e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Linda Polich to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi McDowell reported income of \$202.00. The checkbook balance is \$4,098.88 as of March 31, 2021. Interest on all accounts was \$27.19 and total cash assets were \$38,913.03. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Education** – Linda Polich reported our Members-Only Lunch and Learn programs have been successful using Zoom this year. Our next program is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 11:30-1:00. The topic will be Genealogy Software Programs.

**Fundraising** – Linda Polich reported that members should have received the Birdies for Charity pledge form during the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>. The big change this year is no more penny pledges (flat donations or online donations only). This is the only fundraiser we do each year.

**Registrar** – Marilyn Mix reported we have 14 life members, 116 renewals and 6 new memberships, for a total of 136 members.

**Vice President** – Jay Matlock discussed the format of the presentations through August. He stated the program for May will be "Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interests of Non-Genealogists in Your Family", presented by Lisa Louise Cooke via Zoom only. June through August will be in person or hybrid. Julie will email the satisfaction survey for today's presentation to the attendees.

### **New Business: -**

**SCIGS Partnership:** Ann reminded everyone we are each inviting members of the other society to participate in meeting presentations. Julie will email a link to SCIGS next meeting scheduled May 3, 2021.

**RICHS COVID-19 Guidelines:** Ann reported that RICHS has a limitation of hours and number of patrons allowed in the library at a time. She asked members to call ahead for an appointment if they want to visit the library.

**Proposed Additions to Bylaws:** The proposed changes were emailed to the membership with the agenda for this meeting. Ann read the proposed changes. There was no discussion by members. The proposed changes will be voted by the membership for approval at the next general meeting on May 25, 2021.

**Announcements:**

The next Lunch & Learn will be Friday, May 7, 2021, 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. The topic will be Genealogy Software Programs.

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, May 13, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Lisa Louise Cooke from Genealogy Gems will present a program on “Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interests of Non-Genealogists in Your Family”.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronna Stickrod  
Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes May 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:33 p.m. via Zoom. Present were Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Jan McKenzie, Jay Matlock, Jerry Viernow, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Linda Polich, Ronna Stickrod, Sally Bartosh and Shay and Kathy Elliott. Marilyn Mix was not present.

**President's Comments:** None.

**Secretary's Minutes:** The secretary's meeting minutes from April 8, 2021, were previously e-mailed to the Board. Motion by Jan McKenzie to approve the minutes. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi reported income \$122.00 and expenses \$930.09. The checkbook balance is \$3,290.79 as of April 30, 2021. Interest on all accounts was \$30.03 and total cash assets were \$38,134.97. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. She also reported we are at about 33% of our budgeted expenses for the year.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Cemeteries** – Nothing to report

**Computer Interest** – Julie reported the website is up to date. In April there were 619 users of the RICIGS website. Top areas of interest included genealogy sources, membership login and the blog. She also advised the Board that the domain registration is due June 1<sup>st</sup> at \$12 for a year. Also, Zoom will be renewed through Tech Soup.

**Conference** – Nothing to report.

**Education** – Linda reported a Successful Zoom Lunch and Learn on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The topic was Genealogy Software Programs. There were 23 participants. Our next Zoom Lunch and Learn is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. June 4<sup>th</sup> on the topic of CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) and WPA (Works Progress Administration).

**Fundraising** – Linda stated she turned in 22 Birdies pledges with checks totaling \$720. She will not know how many online pledges (if any) are received until JD Classic sends out the first report. She suggested we could save money next year by emailing the cover letter and pledge form. Members could still mail the forms and checks to our P O Box, but we would save postage from mailing out the letter and pledge form. This will be discussed next year before this fundraiser takes place.

**Funeral Cards** – Nothing to report.

**Goals** – Nothing to report.

**Historian** – Nothing to report.

**Librarian** – Nothing to report.

**NGS** – Deb will be attending the Delegate Council Workshop at the virtual conference this month. She shared a link to a brochure outlining the benefits to our society for being a member of the new NGS. There will be more details coming.

**Publications** – Betty reported Volume 33 of newspaper abstracts from the 1874 Rock Island Daily Argus and Rock Island Daily Union, and additional cemetery records have been added to the members only section of the RICIGS website. The Board discussed the remaining obituary records that need to be proofed and published. Volunteers will be needed to help complete this project.

**Mailing** – Nothing to report.

**Queries & Research** – Deb reported she received two requests from Janet Pease; one for obituaries and the other for posting a query. Since we do not have a newsletter, it was suggested a query could be placed on the Blog. This would need to be discussed further before posting queries anywhere.

**Registrar** – Julie reported there are currently 132 members after removing the people who did not renew. She reviewed the names that were removed with the Board so that anyone wanting to reach out can do so.

**Vice President** – Jay indicated that we are scheduled through August. He is waiting for a response for September and October programs. The Board discussed the details of the annual dinner in November and provided Jay with ideas for the program.

### **Old Business**

**Marketing:** The sub-committee met to discuss the Blog and Facebook. They suggested having a standing Marketing topic under Old Business so that we can continue to discuss and evolve as we learn more. If we find someone interested in working on this topic in the future, we may want to consider adding a Marketing Committee.

**BLOG:** Topics that require an article to share. Suggest we ask each Committee Chair to submit a blog article at least once per year to include what the committee is about, what has been done, what they are working on, and any help that may be needed from members.

**FACEBOOK:** Posts include links to blog articles, sharing of information, classes and posts from other related sites/societies/organizations, our own education offerings, etc. Jay will be adding posts about our general meeting programs. We have been getting regular engagement with our posts.

### **New Business:**

**Butterworth 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Letter:** Ann read the letter, then the Board discussed whether to donate. A motion was made by Kathy Elliott to donate \$65. Seconded by Jay Matlock. Motion carried.

The Board discussed options of spending society money to improve membership and enhance members ability to learn more about genealogy. It was decided that this can be part of a sub-committee on the goals committee.

**Next year is 2022:** It will be our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a society and the 1950 Census comes out. The Board will need to discuss what we can do to address these major events.

### **Announcements:**

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 6:30 pm via Zoom, with Lisa Louise Cooke from Genealogy Gems presenting the program “Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interests of Non-Genealogists in Your Family.”

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronna Stickrod  
Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting Minutes May 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. There were 31 attendees.

**President's Comments:** Ann welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Vice President Jay Matlock introduced the speaker, Lisa Louise Cooke, who presented the program "Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interests of Non-Genealogists in Your Family".

**Recording Secretary:** The secretary's minutes from the April 27, 2021, general meeting had previously been e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Linda Polich to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi reported income \$122.00 and expenses \$930.09. The checkbook balance is \$3,290.79 as of April 30, 2021. Interest on all accounts was \$30.03 and total cash assets were \$38,134.97. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education** – Linda Polich reported we had a successful Lunch and Learn on May 4<sup>th</sup> when 23 participants discussed Genealogy Software Programs. The next program is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> with the topic CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) and WPA (Works Progress Administration).

**Fundraising** – Linda reported we have received several Birdies for Charity pledges and checks. She thanked those who have donated. She reminded everyone they can still mail the pledge and check, or they can pledge online. The Birdies number for RICIGS is #1893 for those who choose to go online.

**Goals** – Linda reported the Goals Committee met on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> to review current goals. She will share the recommendations when the review is complete. She also mentioned the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the society will be celebrating next year. More information regarding that occasion will be forthcoming.

**Registrar** – Marilyn Mix reported we have 125 renewals and 14 life members for a total of 139 members.

**Vice President** – Jay Matlock reminded everyone that the programs for June through August will be in person or hybrid. He is still finalizing September (Family History Library visit), October (Military Records) and November (Annual Dinner). Julie will email the satisfaction survey for today's presentation to the attendees. Jay emphasized the importance of getting feedback from attendees to help determine future presentations.

**Old Business**

Vote on proposed additions to the Bylaws: Ann read the proposed Bylaw changes. There were no comments or discussion by the membership. Motion by Julie Vogel to approve the proposed changes to the Bylaws. Seconded by Sally Bartosch. Motion carried.

**Announcements:**

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, June 10, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center where Alice Hoyt Veen from Prairie Roots Research will present a program "Reasonably Exhaustive Research: When is Enough, Enough?". Zoom will also be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronna Stickrod  
Recording Secretary

## Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society

### Board Meeting Minutes June 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. Present were Betty Hagberg, Judi McDowell, Marilyn Mix, Alan Noyce, Linda Polich, Julie Vogel, Shay Elliott and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the May 13, 2021, meeting were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer Judi McDowell reported a checkbook balance of \$3,257.42 as of May 31, 2021. Interest on all accounts was \$28.81 and total cash assets were \$38,178.71. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Julie Vogel reported one query was received.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Cemeteries – Judi reported she received an inquiry for contact information on the sexton of Zuma Cemetery. She has also taken photos of gravesites not previously included on Find a Grave or Billion Graves websites. Judi is also compiling sexton lists for Rock Island County cemeteries. She hopes to include that information on the society website.

Computer Interest – Julie reported a total of 740 users visited the society website during May, an increase from the previous month. She will finish updating the website this week. Julie also reported she updated the domain registration recently.

Conference – Nothing to report.

Education – Linda Polich reported a successful Zoom Lunch and Learn on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The topic was WPA and CCC programs during the Great Depression. The topic for July 9<sup>th</sup> is Using Google Programs for Your Genealogy Research. The Education Team will meet next week to discuss 2022 plans.

Fundraising – A total of 28 pledges with checks totaling \$895.00 have been turned in so far. Two more additional pledges totaling \$55.00 have recently been received so our total is now \$950.00. If any pledges have been made online, they will be listed on the first report sent out.

FGS – Deb Van Sant had previously sent Board members notes on the virtual conference she attended. We can discuss them at a future meeting when Deb is present.

Funeral Cards – No Report

Historian – Work is being done on this project.

Librarian – No Report

Publications – Betty Hagberg reported she is working to get information on Rural Township cemetery online. Volume 34 of the Pease abstracts is now online and includes several smaller newspapers. Janet Pease reported she has finished typing the newspaper abstract through October of 1880 but is having vision problems and has had to stop work for a while.

Mailing – Nothing to report.

Queries – Deb Van Sant did some research for a Delgado birth in 1912 but did not find any information.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we currently have 14 life members, 21 family memberships and 104 single memberships. This is a total of 139 memberships, but the family memberships are 2 people each, so we have 160 members currently.

Vice President – Jay Matlock was out of town but sent a report that he has scheduled all the general meeting programs through October. He will give Julie the information to update the website. He is working with the Scots Irish Society to do a program for the annual dinner. Jay has not heard anything from SCIGS but they do not meet in June or July. They are also considering changing their meeting day to Saturday. Jay volunteered to help with the Annual Dinner.

**Old Business:** The Board discussed having each committee submit items for the Blog in a particular month. Details for scheduling will be worked out.

Judi reported she received a receipt and acknowledgement of our \$65.00 donation to Butterworth Center.

**New Business:** - The Board selected November 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> as the date of the Annual Dinner Meeting if possible. Ann will ask for volunteers for a committee at the June General meeting. Linda said we will also need a committee for our 50-year anniversary celebration. She volunteered to be on the committee.

**Announcements:** - The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday July 8, 2021, at 6:30 pm via Zoom. The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 6:30 PM. This will be a Hybrid Meeting with the speaker in person at the Butterworth Education Center and also available via Zoom. The program will be presented by Alice Hoyt Veen from Prairie Roots Research on "Reasonably Exhaustive Research: When Is Enough, Enough?"

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Kathy Elliott, Acting Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting Minutes June 22, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:35 p.m. via Zoom. There was a total of 33 attendees through Zoom and in person.

Vice President Jay Matlock introduced the speaker, Alice Hoyt Veen, who presented the program "Reasonably Exhaustive Research: When is Enough, Enough?"

**President's Comments:** Ann welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone would like to share family history discoveries. Several members shared their recent research experiences.

**Recording Secretary:** The secretary's minutes from the May 25, 2021, general meeting had previously been e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Jan McKenzie to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi McDowell reported the checkbook balance is \$3,257.42 as of May 31, 2021. Interest on all accounts was \$28.81 and total cash assets were \$38,178.71. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

**Committee Reports:**

**Cemeteries** – Judi reported she is taking photos at St. Mary's Cemetery in East Moline and uploading them to Find-A-Grave and Billion Graves.

**Conference** – Judi asked members whether they would be interested in attending the annual conference in April next year. Most attendees said they would attend.

**Education** – Linda Polich reported there was a good discussion at the Lunch and Learn on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The next one is scheduled for July 9, 2021, with the topic "Google Research".

**Fundraising** – Linda thanked those who have donated to the Birdies for Charities.

**Registrar** – Marilyn Mix reported we have a new life member bringing the total to 15. There are also 21 family and 104 single members for a total of 140 members.

**Vice President** – Jay Matlock shared the program topics for July through October. Julie will email the satisfaction survey for today's presentation to the attendees.

**New Business**

President Ann asked the membership about their interest in an annual dinner that is currently scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>. There were 17 members interested in an in-person event. There was a discussion regarding a presentation topic, but no final decisions were made. She asked that anyone interested in helping plan the dinner to contact the Board at [info@ricigs.org](mailto:info@ricigs.org).

**Announcements:**

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, July 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center where John Heider from R.I.P. Ltd. will present a program on "Cemetery Preservation". Zoom will also be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronna Stickrod  
Recording Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society**  
**Board Meeting Minutes July 8, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:32 p.m. via Zoom. Present were Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Kathy Elliott, Linda Polich, Marilyn Mix, Sally Bartosh and Shay Elliot.

**President's Comments:** Ann shared information about the passing of long-time member Dorothy Darland.

**Secretary's Minutes:** The secretary's meeting minutes from June 10, 2021, were previously emailed to the Board. Motion by Judi McDowell to approve the minutes. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi reported income of \$478.00 and expenses of \$591.46. The checkbook balance is \$3,143.96 as of June 30, 2021. Interest on all accounts was \$29.79 and total cash assets are \$38,046.74. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Julie reported one query was received and forwarded to Deb.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cemeteries** – Nothing to report.

**Computer Interest** – Julie reported a total of 348 users visited the society website during June, a decrease from the previous month. The top three areas visited were cemetery records/name index, meetings calendar and membership. Julie renewed the domain subscription through Google at an annual cost of \$12.00. She also renewed Zoom through TechSoup for \$131.95 for a year subscription.

**Conference** – Judi will email the committee to get input with planning the conference in 2022.

**Education** – Linda reported the next Zoom Lunch and Learn is on July 9<sup>th</sup>, with the topic "Using Google Programs for Your Family History Research". The Education Team met to discuss the 2022 plans. When they have firm plans scheduled, they will share with the Board.

**Fundraising** – Linda reported we received the Birdies Report from John Deere Classic. There are 33 pledges for a total of \$1,070. We are promised at least a 5% bonus. The check will be mailed on October 31, 2021. The totals will be announced to the membership at the Annual Dinner.

The highest year since we started participating in the Birdies for Charity program was in 2018 when we had 36 pledges for a total of \$1,076. Last year was our lowest participation due to the pandemic.

**Funeral Cards** – Linda asked if we could determine how many are searching for these cards on the website. Julie will see what she can find out. The Board decided to discuss this topic further when Committee Chairperson Jan is present.

**Goals** – Linda reported the committee met on June 14<sup>th</sup>. They are still brainstorming and will meet again soon to put some ideas together to share with the Board.

**Historian** – Ronna reported the first book of photo files for the history of RICIGS was combined into a pdf document and uploaded to Dropbox. There is still cleanup to be done on the file.

**Librarian** – Deb reported she went to RICHS and put items that had been collected on the shelves and worked on two research queries.

**NGS** – Deb emailed an NGS report to the Board in June. The report will be filed with the minutes.

**Publications** – Betty reported Volume 35 of the newspaper abstracts is now on the website in the members only section. This includes the Rock Island Daily Argus, 1875 and The Rock Island Daily Union, 1875.

**Mailing** – Nothing to report.

**Queries** – Deb worked on two research inquiries, one for Janet Pease and one for a new member.

**Registrar** – Marilyn reported we have two new members. There are currently 15 life members, 21 family memberships and 106 single memberships, that totals 162 members.

**Vice President** – Jay is beginning to arrange speakers for the 2022 programs and asked about the budget. He was advised to use the amounts for this year until we work on next year’s budget in January.

Ann, Jay, Kathy, and Linda will help organize the annual meeting in November. Linda has a list of banquet locations in the area. They will need to ensure the chosen restaurant will allow musical instruments.

**Old Business:**

Ann provided the Board with a draft of the schedule for committee reports to be placed on our social media. The Board discussed the schedule and the location that each committee would have their respective report placed, Facebook, the Blog or both. It was agreed to follow the schedule and change if needed throughout the year.

Linda discussed the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2022 for the society. She said it would be various events throughout the year. Ann, Alan, Julie, Jay, Sally and Judi volunteered to assist Linda with planning the celebrations.

**New Business:**

Deb, Betty, and Darrell Hagberg were selected to be on the nominating committee.

**Announcements:**

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, August 12, 2021, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 6:30 pm via in person at the Butterworth Education Center or Zoom. John Heider, from R.I.P. Ltd., will present a program on “Cemetery Preservation”.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronna Stickrod  
Board Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting Minutes July 27, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom. There was a total of 40 attendees through Zoom and in person.

Vice President Jay Matlock introduced the speaker, John Heider, from R.I.P. Ltd., who presented a program on "Cemetery Preservation".

**President's Comments:** Ann welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Recording Secretary:** The secretary's minutes from the June 22, 2021, general meeting had previously been e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Laura Reich to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi reported income of \$478.00 and expenses of \$591.46. The checkbook balance is \$3,143.96 as of June 30, 2021. Interest on all accounts was \$29.79 and total cash assets are \$38,046.74. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education** – Linda Polich reported there was a good discussion at the Lunch and Learn on July 9, 2021, with the topic "Using Google Programs for Your Family History Research". The next Lunch and Learn will be at 11:30 on August 6, 2021, via Zoom. The topic will be "Census Reports Beyond US Federal".

**Registrar** – Marilyn Mix reported we had five new people join in the last month. There is a total of 189 members, with all membership types.

**Vice President** – Jay Matlock shared the program topics for August through October. Julie will email the satisfaction survey for today's presentation to the attendees.

**New Business**

President Ann let the membership know the Annual Membership Dinner will be November 9, 2021. She is working with Linda, Jay, and Kathy on the details.

**Announcements:**

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, August 12, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center where Michael John Neill will present a program on "Land Records (Public Land States): Intermediate Level". Zoom will also be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronna Stickrod  
Recording Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society**  
**Board Meeting Minutes August 12, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:32 p.m. via Zoom. Present were Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Kathy Elliott, Linda Polich, Jan McKenzie, Marilyn Mix, and Shay Elliott.

**President's Comments:** Ann commented on the technology issues encountered at the last general meeting. These will be discussed later in this meeting.

**Secretary's Minutes:** The secretary's meeting minutes from July 8, 2021, were previously emailed to the Board. Motion by Kathy Elliott to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jay Matlock. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi reported income of \$505.00 and expenses of \$70.81. Income included \$325.00 for Dorothy Darland Memorials. The checkbook balance is \$3,578.15 as of July 31, 2021. Interest on all accounts was \$28.90 and total cash assets are \$38,509.83. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Judi also reviewed the year-to-date budget.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Julie reported she created a standard letter to thank people for donations. Judi sent Julie the names and addresses of the people that donated to Dorothy Darland Memorial. Julie will ensure Dorothy's daughter has a complete list of people who donated.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cemeteries** – Nothing to report.

**Computer Interest** – Julie reported a total of 462 users visited the society website during July. The top three areas visited were the Education Corner, Newspaper Abstracts, and the blog. She has also updated meeting information on the website. Jay asked if there is a way to measure our Facebook activity. Julie will check to see if there is a way to do this and report back to the Board.

**Conference** – Judi reported she emailed the committee, and they did not want to do the conference until 2023. The Board discussed the option of doing the conference virtually, but we would need someone who knows how to do that. Judi will contact SCIGS to see if they would be interested in a 2022 conference before making any decisions.

**Education** – Linda reported the August 6th Lunch and Learn had 26 participants. There was a good discussion about "Beyond the Federal Census". The next program is on September 3rd with the topic "Church Records".

The Education Team made plans for the 2022 calendar year as follows:

**Lunch and Learn**

- All Lunch and Learn programs will be on Wednesdays
- January, February, and March will be Zoom only
- We will re-assess the hybrid situation after March to see if that would work for this format
- Topic schedule will be shared by the end of 2021

**Special Interest Groups (SIG)**

- We would like to create SIGs for our members, starting with the topics: 1) DNA, 2) Sharing Family Stories and 3) Getting Started for Newbies. If these are successful, we could add more in the future.

***Let's Explore Learning Series***

- Select a few of these files to put outside of the members only tab
- Try to add 3-4 new topics to this series each year

Linda also shared additional information:

- SCIGS is offering a 6-week Beginner's Workshop in September and October
- Kathryn Kuntz from the Davenport Library sent a note to RICIGS asking if we would participate in a panel discussion with SCIGS to outline what each Society offers. Julie will ask for more information.
- Thomas MacEntee will be semi-retiring starting next year. He will offer a new education format with shorter videos and more user participation.
- Ancestry updated their terms and conditions regarding photos and content. They will have a "perpetual and non-revocable license" to use that content. An explanation can be found at [legalgenealogist.com](http://legalgenealogist.com).

**Fundraising** – Linda reported the Birdies check will be mailed on October 31, 2021. The check will be presented at the Annual Dinner in November.

**Funeral Cards** – People are looking at them on the website, so this program will continue. Ronna will help Jan with the project. Julie will get a list of funeral homes for Jan.

**Goals** – Linda reported the Goals Committee recommendations for Goal #1 – Website. We can start setting priorities and assigning responsibility for action items under each goal in January. The board discussed:

- Julie will investigate finding a support company to help us optimize our website.
- Status of Funeral Card collection – It was decided to continue updating this collection.
- Does NGS offer any guidance for Society websites? Deb indicated that they do.
- Broaden the scope of our Society vision – Julie will send the Board a new "draft" mission statement.

**Historian** – Ronna reported she scanned the first two volumes of the historical binders and uploaded to Dropbox. She will complete scanning the remaining binders over the next few months.

**Librarian** – Deb ordered Volumes 2-14 of The Settlers of the Beekman Patent. Dutchess County, NY. We already have Volume 1 in our collection. The total came to \$971.50. The Dorothy Darland Memorial donations will help cover the cost of the collection. A motion to authorize payment of the collection was made by Kathy Elliott. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried.

**NGS** – Deb reported there will be a forum to discuss the NGS direction.

**Publications** – Betty reported Volume 36 of the newspaper abstracts is now on the website in the members only section. This includes The Rock Island Daily Argus and the Rock Island Daily Union for the year 1876. She also stated she will try to get back to cemeteries over the next few months.

**Mailing** – Nothing to report.

**Queries** – Deb and Julie worked on several requests. One request regarding Erickson School history was referred to RICHS.

**Registrar** – Ann reported we have 15 life members, 21 family memberships and 116 single memberships, totaling 173 members.

**Vice President** – Jay is arranging the programs for 2022 and indicated he may need an increase for his budget. January through March will be Zoom. The remaining programs will be in-person and Zoom. He will send an email to the Board with an estimate for program costs. He also asked the Board whether we could record all the presentations. We would have to get permission from the speaker and until technology issues are resolved, it may impact the quality of the recordings.

**Old Business:**

Marketing –August committee reports: DNA Musings was posted on the blog and Julie will provide something about the website.

The annual dinner will be Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at the Butterworth Center Library & Dining Room. Linda arranged catering with Mulkey’s Restaurant. The cost for members will be \$20.

**New Business:**

Hybrid Meeting/Zoom Technical Guidelines – The Board discussed the issues that took place at the last general meeting. A draft of guidelines for both RICIGS and the presenter was reviewed (attached to Minutes). The speaker and RICIGS will meet at 5:30 for the next meeting. We will review whether the technology issues were resolved at the next board meeting.

**Announcements:**

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, September 9, 2021, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 6:30 pm in person at the Butterworth Education Center or via Zoom. Michael John Neill will present a program on “Land Records (Public Land States): Intermediate Level”.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronna Stickrod  
Board Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting Minutes August 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. There was a total of 52 attendees through Zoom and in person.

Vice President Jay Matlock introduced the speaker, Michael John Neill, who presented a program on "Land Records (Public Land States): Intermediate Level".

**President's Comments:** Ann welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Recording Secretary:** The secretary's minutes from the July 27, 2021, general meeting had previously been e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Laura Reich to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Lorraine Hathaway. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi reported income of \$505.00 and expenses of \$70.81. Income included \$325.00 for Dorothy Darland Memorials. The checkbook balance is \$3,578.15 as of July 31, 2021. Interest on all accounts was \$28.90 and total cash assets are \$38,509.83. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Education** – Linda Polich reported there are two Lunch & Learn meetings left for this year. September 3<sup>rd</sup> is a discussion on "Church Records (Parish, Quaker, Scandinavian, and more)", and the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is a discussion on "Passenger Lists, Ports of Departure and Ports of Entry". She also said the Education team is working on the programs for 2022.

Linda informed the membership that a new program is being developed starting next year called "Special Interest Group (SIG)". There are two topics that have been discussed so far: **DNA** and **Writing Family Stories**. More information will be given as the team finalizes the new program.

**Vice President** – Jay Matlock shared the program topics for September and October. Everyone who is interested is to meet at the Family History Center in Davenport at 6:30 p.m. on September 28<sup>th</sup>. He asked members to let him know of any topics of interest for 2022. He is finalizing the programs for next year, but there are four slots left to fill. Julie will email the satisfaction survey for today's presentation to the attendees.

Save the date. The annual dinner will be at Butterworth Center on November 9<sup>th</sup>. More information will be shared soon.

### **New Business**

The nominating committee presented the proposed officers for the 2022 calendar year. Betty Hagberg read the positions and names of proposed officers and asked if anyone else is interested. Since the September general meeting is an off-site field trip, the committee presented the slate of officers a month early and voting will take place at the October meeting.

### **Announcements:**

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, September 9, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m. at the Family History Center, Davenport. There will be no business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronna Stickrod  
Recording Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes September 9, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Alan Noyce, Deb VanSant, Jay Matlock, Jerry Viernow, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Kathy Elliott, Linda Polich, Sally Bartosh and Shay Elliott.

**President's Comments:** Ann suggested that we target 1.5 to 2 hours for board meetings, and asked that we focus our discussions on recommendations.

**Secretary's Minutes:** The secretary's meeting minutes from August 12, 2021, were previously emailed to the Board. Motion by Kathy Elliott to approve the minutes. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi reported income of \$109.97 and expenses of \$1,587.29. The checkbook balance is \$2,100.83 as of August 31, 2021. Interest on all accounts is \$29.90 and total cash assets are \$37,062.41. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Judi also reviewed the year-to-date budget.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Julie reported she contacted Dorothy Darland's daughter to ensure she had a complete list of names of those that donated in her mother's memory.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cemeteries** – Nothing to report.

**Computer Interest** – Julie reported a total of 381 users visited the society website during July. The top three areas visited were the Genealogy Resources, the Blog, and Obituaries. She also reviewed Facebook statistics for our account.

Julie explained she would like to have someone review our website to determine what we can do to optimize the site. She recommended VHM Info Tech. She would like to donate the cost of this service in memory of her parents. Motion by Deb VanSant to authorize web access for VHM Info Tech to optimize the RICIGS website. Jay Matlock seconded. Motion carried.

**Conference** – Nothing to report.

**Education** – Linda reported we had 27 participants at our September 3rd Lunch and Learn. The final L&L of the year will be October 1st with topic Passenger Lists, Ports of Entry, Ports of Departure.

The Education Team met to finalize 2022 plans (details discussed under Goals).

**Fundraising** – Linda stated we received an updated report from John Deere Classic. There were 34 pledges totaling \$1,120. The check will be mailed October 31<sup>st</sup> and should include an additional 5%.

**Funeral Cards** – Ronna reported she scanned the funeral cards "A" to determine what it would take to digitize the cards. More information will be shared after she meets with Jan.

**Goals** – Linda reviewed Goal #2 – Expanding education offerings to include more topic-specific events.

1. Continue monthly Lunch and Learn sessions (topic schedule will be shared by end of year)
  - Education Team agreed on changing schedule to 4th Wednesday of each month starting in January
2. Create SIGs (Special Interest Groups) that would meet 2-3 times a year
  - Education Team agreed on *DNA* (Betty) and *Sharing Stories/Writing Family History* (Linda and Lorraine) to start. Might add the *Getting Started* topic later
3. Add more topics to the Let's Explore Learning Series on our website
  - Education Team members will each write one article during 2022 (adding 5 new articles)
4. Offer a writing workshop/seminar once or twice each year. No firm plans at this time.
5. Plan a Research Help Day where members could come in with questions. No firm plans at this time.
6. Send out Survey to members in early 2022. It should include research and skillset questions. The results would benefit the Education Team and VP Program Director.

Also, Julie presented the new Mission Statement for approval. This statement was discussed and finalized via emails to board members. Motion to approve by Jay Matlock. Seconded by Kathy Elliott. Motion carried.

**Historian** – Ronna reported she completed scanning historical Vol. 1-9. She asked anyone who has documentation for 2020 or 2021 to email it to her and she will include that in Volume 10, years 2015-2021.

**Librarian** – Deb added new books to the library. She also has an article ready for the Blog.

**NGS** – Deb attended the Delegate Council Meeting virtually. She explained how the virtual meeting functioned (such as using Remo Software, not Zoom and virtual tables for breakout sessions) and the various topics she attended. She also mentioned NGS set up infrastructure with youth groups to get interest in genealogy.

**Publications** – Nothing to report.

**Mailing** – Kathy reported she received a call from the Bulk Mailing Center. Our permit will expire January 31, 2022, due to non-use. She suggested we not renew the permit, since we no longer have bulk mailings. She investigated and presented other options, but after Board discussion it was determined we would let the permit expire and Kathy would request a refund for the balance in our account, \$17.88.

**Queries** – Nothing to report.

**Registrar** – Julie reported we had four new members join in August, for a total of 148 paid memberships.

**Vice President** – Jay still had dates open for presentations for next year. The Board discussed Jackie Shatner and Lisa Louise Cooke as potential speakers.

Jay asked if there would be interest in a trip to Fort Wayne next year. This will be included in a membership survey to see how much interest there would be.

The next meeting at the Family History Center is limited to 40 people. An event notice will be sent to the RICIGS membership only, requesting a reservation to attend and requesting to wear masks.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Marketing** –September committee reports for the Blog - Library, Publications/Resources. Deb will be putting the Library report on the Blog and Ann will contact Betty about Publications.

**Hybrid Meeting/Zoom Audio Committee:** Ann reported this committee was created short term to address the technology issues with presenting concurrently via Zoom and in person at Butterworth.

**Annual Dinner Update:** Linda reported the dinner and program logistics have been finalized. The flyer will be sent out in mid-October outlining specifics about menu items, food service method and whether there will be a mask requirement at that time. A membership renewal form will be included with the mailing. The presentation will be in the library. Due to Covid concerns with the presenter, Jay will check with the speaker to see if he is willing to present via Zoom and have the bagpipers perform in the Library.

**Goal follow up with SCIGS:** The Board decided not to participate on a panel discussion at the Davenport Public Library this fall. We would consider participating in the spring. Julie will follow up via email.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Deb advised the Board that ISGS Forum provides support for societies, but RICIGS does not have a representative or committee. Julie will share information with the Board to see who may be interested in volunteering.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next Lunch & Learn – Friday October 1, 2021, 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Topic is “Passenger Lists, Points of Entry, Points of Departure”.

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, October 14, 2021, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 6:30 pm at the Family History Center, Davenport.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronna Stickrod  
Board Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes October 14, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Kathy Elliott, Linda Polich, Marilyn Mix, Sally Bartosh and Shay Elliott. Member Mary Gardner-Karcher was also present.

**President's Comments:** Ann thanked everyone for the work they are doing for the society.

**Secretary's Minutes:** The secretary's meeting minutes from September 9, 2021, were previously emailed to the Board. Motion by Linda Polich to approve the minutes. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi reported income and expense activity was all through PayPal. The checkbook balance is \$2,105.69 as of September 30, 2021. Interest on all accounts is \$29.93 and total cash assets are \$37,097.20. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Judi also reviewed the year-to-date budget.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Julie reported she has set up new members on the website. Membership renewals are coming in. She also received three research requests and processed accordingly.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cemeteries** – Judi processed one research request for Chapel Grove Cemetery.

**Computer Interest** – Julie reported a total of 807 users visited the society website during September. She mentioned the numbers may be a bit askew due to VHM Infotech working on the website. The top three areas visited were *About Us*, *Education Events* and *Shop*. The website optimization performance has improved from 38% to 87% and security was enhanced. The website could be improved further by upgrading to a single server. This will be reviewed upon renewal of Blue Host in the spring. She also reviewed Facebook statistics for our account.

Julie sent Judi the bill for the Dropbox renewal for \$120. She also sent her a bill for \$50 for a plugin that was purchased during the website optimization.

**Conference** – Nothing to report.

**Education** – Linda reported we had 25 participants at our last Lunch and Learn this year. The 2022 topics have been selected. They will be posted on the website after the annual dinner. Bookmarks of the schedule and topics will be distributed at the Archives Fair and the Annual Dinner.

A flyer announcing the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) will be posted on the website and distributed at the October General Meeting and the Archive Fair. The dates for the SIG meetings will be on the bookmarks that will be distributed at the Annual Dinner and then posted on the website after the dinner. The goal is to begin with two SIGs that will each meet three times during the year.

Linda shared that the Swenson Center has started a Swedish American Genealogy Club that meets on Zoom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month January through October. These sessions are free for Swenson Center members, and \$10 each for non-members.

**Fundraising** – Linda stated the Birdies for Charity checks will now be sent on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Funeral Cards** – Nothing to report.

**Goals** – Linda reviewed Goal #3 – Library Collection.

1. How to increase usage of our collection.

The Board discussed ways to increase member usage of the collection at RICHS. Suggestions were: 1) prior to a Lunch and Learn or membership program, share a list of program related items in our collection with the members; 2) Highlight collections on the blog and Facebook; 3) Periodically email snippets of items from the catalog to members (and promote the catalog on the website); and 4) Possibly conduct a short tour of the library at RICHS (via Zoom).

2. How to monitor usage by our members and others.  
Not certain how to achieve this. No action was taken at this time.

**Historian** – Nothing to report.

**Librarian** – Deb reported that the magazine Genealogy Today has been discontinued. She would like a subscription to Family Tree Magazine. Betty suggested sharing what subscriptions we have in the Blog.

**NGS** – Nothing to report.

**Publications** – Betty reported Volume 37 and 38 of the newspaper abstracts is now on the website in the members only section. This includes The Moline Weekly Journal, July 1903-1904 and The Moline Daily Journal, July-December 1904 in Volume 37, and The Rock Island Daily Argus and The Rock Island Daily Union, January-June 1877 in Volume 38. She also said the Bowlesburg Cemetery book has been uploaded to the website. She is currently working on the Hampton Township Cemetery.

**Mailing** – Kathy reported she sent out the Annual Dinner invitation and the renewal notices on October 2, 2021.

**Queries** – Deb worked on a query from Darla Lee in Nevada.

**Registrar** – Marilyn has received 36 renewals so far for next year. There are 101 yet to renew. Ann stated she has 12 more renewals from the mail to give to Marilyn.

**Vice President** – Jay has the schedule made for the next year. He asked to increase his budget to \$1,160 to cover expenses. He also asked about having a Roots Magic presentation separate from our program schedule. He will contact SCIGS to see if they are interested in partnering with this presentation.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Marketing –Education corner posted on the Blog. Historian report will be done at a later date.

Hybrid Meeting/Zoom Audio Committee: Bill Simmon assisted with a solution for the audio problem we encounter for the Zoom meetings. There will be instructions for the speaker, those that are present in the room, and attendees on Zoom. We will review how well it works at the next meeting.

Annual Dinner Update: Invitations have been mailed, with 21 RSVP's so far. The presenter will now be present at the dinner rather than Zoom. Still need final count for number of bagpipers and spouses attending.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Member at Large 2022 – Jerry Viernow has resigned. Mary Gardner-Karcher will fill in for the remaining term. Ann asked to have Mary's name added to the slate of officers before the membership meeting later this month.

Archives Fair on October 30<sup>th</sup> – Ann, Alan and Linda will set up a table for RICIGS. Ann will print a board with our logo and provide several informational items on the table. She will have a laptop so she can share our website.

ISGS Representative – Ann will try to attend the next meeting. Jay and Ann will monitor the topics so that board members can participate if interested.

Jay asked whether we want to do a conference in the spring. Ann, Judi and Jay will work together to determine whether we will have one.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, November 11, 2021, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 6:30 pm at Butterworth and via Zoom. Jenny Warner will present a program on "Military Records".

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronna Stickrod  
Board Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
General Meeting Minutes October 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:34 p.m. There was a total of 41 attendees in person and on Zoom.

**President's Comments:** Ann thanked everyone who has volunteered for the programs and tasks the society has completed this year. She also reviewed the sound issues with Zoom and the new guidelines that are in place.

Ann introduced the speaker, Jenny Warner, who presented a program on "Military Records".

**Recording Secretary:** The secretary's minutes from the August 24, 2021, general meeting had previously been e-mailed to the membership. Motion by Kathy Elliott to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi reported the checkbook balance is \$2,105.69 as of September 30, 2021. Interest on all accounts is \$29.93 and total cash assets are \$37,097.20. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education** – Linda reported we had our last Lunch & Learn for the year and that the schedule for next year will be available at the annual dinner. She provided information regarding the new Special Interest Group meetings that will be starting in 2022. They will be discussions like the Lunch and Learn, but the topic will be the same for multiple meetings. There will be two topics selected for the year and they will be on Zoom.

Linda thanked everyone who donated to Birdies for Charities. This is the only fundraiser the society has each year and all donations are appreciated.

**Vice President** – Ann reported the 2022 programs have been chosen. The first one in January will be Lisa Louise Cooke presenting "How to Create Exciting Interactive Family History Tours with Google Earth". In February, Thomas MacEntee will present "1950 Census: Are you Ready?". These will both be presented via Zoom only. She also mentioned the list of books available in the RICIGS library on today's topic of military records, and reminded everyone to complete the satisfaction survey.

**Old Business**

Ann reminded everyone that the annual dinner is on November 9<sup>th</sup>. There are 44 attending so far. She also outlined the program from the flyer that was mailed to the membership, including the deadline of November 2<sup>nd</sup> for reservations.

Election of Officers for 2022 – Betty read the slate of names nominated for officers. Motion to approve the slate of officers was made by Linda Polich. Seconded by Laura Reich. Motion carried (in person and on Zoom). Installation will take place at the annual dinner.

**Announcements**

Ann, Linda, and Alan will be representing RICIGS at the Archives Fair this Saturday, October 30, 2021, at Butterworth Center. Ann encouraged everyone to stop by.

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, November 11, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 6:30 p.m. presented via Zoom; "How to Create Exciting Interactive Family History Tours with Google Earth" by Lisa Louise Cooke.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronna Stickrod  
Recording Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes November 11, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Kathy Elliott, Linda Polich, Marilyn Mix, Mary Gardner-Karcher, Sally Bartosh and Shay Elliott.

**President's Comments:** Ann thanked all Veterans in honor of Veteran's Day.

**Secretary's Minutes:** The secretary's meeting minutes from October 14, 2021, were previously emailed to the Board. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes. Seconded by Judi McDowell. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi reported income of \$1,988.88 and expenses of \$651.63. The income was from dues and the annual dinner. The checkbook balance is \$3,442.94 as of October 31, 2021. Interest on all accounts is \$29.17 and total cash assets are \$38,502.33. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Judi also reviewed the year-to-date budget.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Julie reported she has been monitoring email and responding as needed. There have been several membership renewals online.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cemeteries** – Nothing to report.

**Computer Interest** – Julie reported a total of 282 users visited the society website during October. The top three areas visited were *Annual Dinner*, *Cemeteries* and *Newspaper Abstracts*. She also reviewed Facebook statistics.

**Conference** – Judi reported SCIGS would not have enough interest to participate with a virtual annual conference. The committee will discuss and determine the feasibility of hosting the event.

**Education** – Linda reported the final 2022 Lunch and Learn and SIG dates/topics have been forwarded to Julie to add to the website. Bookmarks with the full schedule were handed out at the annual dinner. Lunch and Learn will be moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 11:30-1:00. At this time, these are scheduled to only be on Zoom for January – March. All SIG meetings will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 via Zoom. Julie offered to train others to manage the Zoom meetings.

**Fundraising** – Linda stated the Birdies for Charity checks were presented to the President at the annual dinner. The two checks totaled \$1,209.60. The total funds received over nine years of participating in this fundraiser is \$7,810.90. The Board decided to continue doing this fundraiser next year.

**Funeral Cards** – Nothing to report.

**Goals** – Linda reviewed Goal #4 – Community Outreach.

1. Increase budget for program speakers. Speakers are our biggest draw and we want to continue to offer quality programs. To evaluate the cost of speakers, the Board discussed at length how to benchmark the cost. Ann and Julie will develop a spreadsheet to track attendance numbers and costs for programs dating back to 2019 and continuing into the future.
2. Continue to offer hybrid programs so that out of town members and those that can't drive to meetings can still attend. There was discussion regarding survey questions focused for out of town members.
3. The Board discussed creating a Hospitality Committee consisting of the Members-At-Large. It was also suggested that the Hospitality Committee develop questions for the survey that will be sent to the membership. There will be more discussion of this committee as goals are being finalized.
4. Work with other local heritage organizations. This will be discussed at a future time.
5. Contact groups and schools about family history programs that would create interest in our society. This will be discussed at a future time.

**Historian** – Nothing to report.

**Librarian** – Deb reported she will make one more trip to RICHs this year.

**NGS** – Deb attended the delegate meeting.

**Publications** – Betty reported Volume 39 of the newspaper abstracts is now on the website in the members only section. This includes The Rock Island Daily Argus and The Rock Island Daily Union, July-December 1877. She also said six small cemeteries in Hampton Township have been uploaded to the website.

**Mailing** – Nothing to report.

**Queries** – Deb received two queries; one she did research at RICHS and the other was referred to Hampton Historical Society. She also mentioned the Rock Island Library has new digital microfilm readers.

Julie suggested having someone else help Deb, since she will be out of the area for three months with no one to back her up. Please contact Ann if you are interested.

**Registrar** – Marilyn reported there are 14 life members, 158 individual members and 21 family members, including seven new members last month. She has received 83 renewals so far for next year. There are 61 yet to renew. Marilyn asked whether the needs to maintain the paper copy of the membership list. It was suggested it can be maintained within Dropbox for easy access for those that need it. The Board decided she no longer needs to maintain name tags. We will use stickers at meetings for name tags.

**Vice President** – Nothing to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Marketing** –DNA Musings posted on the Blog. Goals report will be done at a later date.

**Archives Fair Recap** – Ann and Linda reported they spoke with many people and gave out information. Four new members signed up. Most common question was “what do I do with the box of stuff I inherited”. This was referred to the Education team to discuss a possible program.

**Hybrid Meeting/Zoom Audio Committee:** No sound complaints received on survey from the last General Membership meeting. Still need to get a mic for PA system (to clip on clothes). The committee will purchase one before the next in-person meeting. Ann will also update the guidelines.

**Annual Dinner Recap** – Ann received positive feedback from the Board regarding the location, layout, speaker and food. There were 47 attendees, including the speaker and bagpipers.

**ISGS Forum Update** – Ann reported she attended the forum with the topic “How to Get More Volunteers and Board Members”. She will summarize the discussion for the Board.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** – The committee will be scheduling a kickoff meeting soon.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Butterworth Donation Request** – Ann shared some of the Butterworth Public Use Policy revisions and fundraising objectives. The Board discussed donation requests received from Butterworth. A motion was made by Kathy Elliott to include \$250 to \$300 in the annual budget for Butterworth donations. Seconded by Julie Vogel. Motion carried

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, December 9, 2021, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, January 25, 2021, 6:30 pm via Zoom. Lisa Louise Cook will present a program on “How to Create Exciting Interactive Family History Tours with Google Earth”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronna Stickrod  
Board Secretary

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Board Meeting Minutes December 9, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Noyce at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present: Alan Noyce, Betty Hagberg, Deb VanSant, Jay Matlock, Judi McDowell, Julie Vogel, Kathy Elliott, Linda Polich, Mary Gardner-Karcher, Sally Bartosh and Shay Elliott.

**President's Comments:** Ann thanked the Board for all that was accomplished over the past year, and for continued support for the new year 2022.

**Installation of Vice President:** Kathy installed Jay Matlock for Vice President for the year 2022.

**Secretary's Minutes:** The secretary's meeting minutes from November 11, 2021, were previously emailed to the Board. Motion by Judi McDowell to approve the minutes. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried.

Ronna asked if we had documentation for retention of paper records for minutes. No one knew of any, but the consensus was to keep the paper minutes in perpetuity. Ronna will research what other organizations are doing to help determine whether this is a practice we should continue. Deb will also post the question to the NGS Forum.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judi reported income of \$1,846.66 and expenses of \$854.89. The checkbook balance is \$4,434.71 as of November 30, 2021. Interest on all accounts is \$28.27 and total cash assets are \$39,483.66. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. She also reviewed the year-to-date budget. Judi explained a PayPal issue that has now been resolved.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Julie reported she has been monitoring membership renewals and emails, and responding as needed. She sent thank you letters to six contributing membership renewals.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cemeteries** – Nothing to report.

**Computer Interest** – Julie reported a total of 252 users visited the society website during November. The top three areas visited were *Cemetery Records, Membership and Education Events*. She also reviewed Facebook statistics. There appears to be an increase with Facebook interactions.

The officer listing for 2022 has been updated and put on the website.

**Conference** – Judi discussed options for the virtual conference, including dates and times, speakers and topics, cost, registration process, and SCIGS participation. It was suggested this be a part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Details will be discussed further at the January meeting.

**Education** – Linda reported the first SIGs (DNA) will be on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The 2022 Lunch and Learns (L&L) will begin January 26<sup>th</sup> (Jan, Feb and Mar will be Zoom only). Deb VanSant has provided a list of books we have in our library collection that match the L&L topics. The list will be included in the handouts for each respective L&L.

Linda also shared that the Moline Public Library is offering genealogy education in 2022 and wants to know if we have an interest. They would take care of marketing and registration with no fees. She will obtain more information before we determine whether we can participate.

**Fundraising** – Nothing to report.

**Funeral Cards** – Nothing to report.

**Goals** – Linda reviewed Goal #5 – Define skillsets of members, Goal #6 – Status of projects, and Goal #7 – Field Trips.

1. Add skillset question to member survey in 2022.
2. The status of projects is already being reviewed and discussed at board meetings.
3. Possible bus trip to IRAD in Macomb, Archives in Springfield, Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, or Midwest Genealogy in Kansas City. This may be moved to 2023.

The Goals Committee will put together a summary of the 2022 Goals discussions, including an Action Plan.

**Historian** – Nothing to report.

**Librarian** – Deb will put the last of items she has on the shelves at RICHS before she leaves the area for the winter. “Your Genealogy magazine” was discontinued, so the Board agreed that we will subscribe to Family Tree Magazine.

**NGS** – Deb will inquire about virtual conferences and record retention on the forum.

**Publications** – Betty reported Volume 40 of the newspaper abstracts is now on the website in the members only section. This includes The Moline Weekly Journal and the Moline Review Dispatch 1905. She also added two cemeteries in Port Byron to the website. She is currently working on Volume 4 of the cemetery books.

**Mailing** – Shay said he needed to have an updated brochure. Julie will check what is online and update if necessary. Linda suggested we add a “REV” date to the brochure so we know what version is most recent.

**Queries** – Julie processed one research request.

**Registrar** – Julie reported there are 156 members; 104 have already renewed, but 52 have not. She will send out a reminder email for those that have not yet renewed.

**Vice President** – Jay and Judi discussed the entertainers for the annual dinner did not charge for performing. It was suggested we make a donation to each organization that was represented. A motion was made by Betty Hagberg to donate \$75 to Scottish American Society and \$75 to Black Hawk Pipes & Drums of the Quad Cities. Seconded by Julie Vogel. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Marketing** – “The Prez Says” message will be moved to January to kick off the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** – Linda reported the committee discussed ideas for events throughout the year.

- April – Member Appreciation Reception (free to members and spouses/guests)
- June/July – Virtual conference (instead of April)
- October events for members and the public
- Possibly add special programs – topics and dates to be determined later
- 2022 General Meetings – draw one member name for door prize each month and share “Society Highlights” over the past 50 years
- Member participation – ask members to submit a favorite “genealogy research tip” and/or an ancestor photo with caption/description (goal = 50 each). Location to place tips and photos to be determined.
- Try to add 50 new members

**Hybrid Meeting/Zoom Audio Committee:** Since Bill Simmons assisted with resolving sound issues at Butterworth, the Board decided to provide him with a complimentary membership to thank him for his help. Julie will contact him.

Reviewed the General Meeting Attendance matrix.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Family History Center** – Mary informed the Board that the Center will be conducting Saturday sessions again starting next year. She will share the schedule when she gets it.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, January 13, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom. Lisa Louise Cooke will present a program on “How to Create Exciting Interactive Family History Tours with Google Earth”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronna Stickrod  
Board Secretary

## Board Meetings 2021

January – meeting held on Zoom

February – meeting held on Zoom

March – meeting held on Zoom

April – meeting held on Zoom

May – meeting held on Zoom

June – meeting held on Zoom

July – meeting held on Zoom

August – meeting held on Zoom

September – meeting held on Zoom

October – meeting held on Zoom

November – meeting held on Zoom

December – meeting held on Zoom

## General Meetings 2021

January – meeting held on Zoom

February – meeting held on Zoom

March – no business meeting held due to Thomas MacEntee speaker

April – hybrid meeting held on Zoom and in-person

May – meeting held on Zoom

June – hybrid meeting held on Zoom and in-person

July – hybrid meeting held on Zoom and in-person

August – hybrid meeting held on Zoom and in-person

September – no business; field trip to the Family History Center in Davenport

October - hybrid meeting held on Zoom and in-person

November – Annual dinner held at Butterworth Center, Moline - no business meeting

December – no meeting